

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS

February 20, 2001

5:00 PM

Chairman Gatsas called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Gatsas, Pariseau, Thibault, Hirschmann, O'Neil (late)

Messrs: Alderman Lopez, Alderman Vaillancourt, Deputy Solicitor Arnold,
R. Sherman

Chairman Gatsas addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Appeals of the denial of taxi driver's licenses.

Alderman Thibault moved to enter into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Gatsas, Pariseau, Thibault, and Hirschmann voted yea. Alderman O'Neil was absent. The motion carried.

On motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, it was voted to re-enter public session.

Non-public session ensued with Mr. Chickering, the operator; Mr. Normand, Deputy Clerk of Licensing and Facilities; Deputy Solicitor Thomas Arnold; Sgt. Winn, Manchester Police Department; committee members and the Clerk present. The reasons for the denial were discussed by Mr. Normand. Mr. Chickering presented his comments. Sgt. Winn provided further information.

Alderman Thibault moved that the appeal for a taxi license for Mr. Chickering be denied. Alderman Pariseau duly seconded the motion. Chairman Gatsas called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Gatsas addressed Item 5 of the agenda:

Communication from Lorraine Cloutier expressing her displeasure with the closure of the Hampshire Plaza AT&T Cable TV office and asking that it be reopened for the convenience of those doing business in the Downtown area.

Alderman Pariseau stated I believe that this was taken up at the time of the contract discussions and that because of lack of customer usage that they felt they would be better off without it and we concurred.

Chairman Gatsas replied there is no way that we can ask them to reopen that office.

Clerk Bernier stated I did talk to a representative from AT&T Cable. Just to add to what Alderman Pariseau said, there was no business at the office and that is why they closed it. It had very limited activity.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Chairman Gatsas addressed Item 6 of the agenda:

Communication from Marie Vigneault advising of AT&T's disregard of her request of October 2, 2000 to suspend service at 164 Alsace Street while in Florida noting they are still receiving bills showing balances due.

Clerk Bernier stated the account is all set and has been credited. We did make a call today and everything is fine.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Chairman Gatsas addressed Item 7 of the agenda:

Communication from Mark Reilly, Vice President, Corporate Counsel of AT&T relative to certain price adjustments and programming notice which became effective February 1, 2001.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to receive and file this item.

Chairman Gatsas addressed Item 8 of the agenda:

Review of process by which items are referred to Committees.

Alderman Pariseau stated I think this came up during a BMA meeting on January 23 and because of the burdensome amount of paperwork that the revised process

since 1992 has incurred, I don't have a problem with eliminating items coming before the full Board and then back again. We get three of four copies of the same communication for every issue and I think if the City Clerk were allowed to forward communications and matters directly to committees that it would help the process and we as the full Board get it anyway when it is on the agenda for acceptance of the committee report or whatever it is.

Alderman Thibault stated what seems to be happening now is that we are getting it at the full Board and debating it at the full Board and then sending it to Committee and debating it again. I think that the Alderman is right that it should go directly to the Committee so that it can be debated in Committee and then brought to the full Board for approval or disapproval. I believe that would save a lot of time on some of the debates that we have at the Board meetings.

Alderman O'Neil stated I would agree with my two colleagues who have spoken. I think the three of us served in the old days prior to this policy taking place and I can tell you that the process was a lot smoother. We spend enough time here as it is debating enough issues and I agree with Alderman Thibault that to debate issues being referred to a Committee is not productive. I think this is a step in the right direction. I had spoken to the City Clerk about what we could do and the Clerk came up with this suggestion. I would support allowing material to be sent right to the Committee. The other thing it has done is slowed the process at some point. We have had a number of issues and I wish I would have kept track of them, that couldn't go to a Committee because we had to wait for the full Board meeting which would be a week or two weeks away and it really slows the process down in my opinion.

Alderman Hirschmann stated of course I am the dissenting opinion on this matter. I think a lot of times the agenda is put together in a fashion that we often take an item off of consent and we change the actual Committee that is going to. Sometimes it doesn't make sense where it is being referred and we actually make corrections at the full Board level. I think that if things were referred directly to Committees that...I think that the City Clerk could do us a favor honestly and things like AT&T and very specific things should probably go to...there are certain specific things that could be referred but there are other things that I want the full Board to have that round of ye or nay before it goes somewhere. I am dissenting on that; that's all.

Alderman Pariseau stated with all due respect to my colleague from Ward 12, I don't recall any item that has been presented to the full Board for referral to Committee as being totally changed. It may have been...another Committee may have been assigned to review it as well, but that issue could also be addressed when that committee report comes before the full Board. I think it is a duplication

of effort. Items on occasion are tabled by the full Board prior to referral and that does delay, as my colleague stated. It is too cumbersome and I think it would be streamlined by going directly to the Committees.

Alderman Lopez stated I do support the items going directly to the Committee. That way it serves the public a lot better and a lot faster than 30 days or 60 days waiting for an answer.

Alderman Thibault stated we all get the paperwork, even on the Committees that are meeting so if there is any Alderman that has a problem with something like this going to a Committee, he can go to that Committee and raise that issue. I just agree with Aldermen Pariseau and O'Neil that it is going to strengthen the process and make it a lot smoother than it is at present. We are debating issues three or four times and this is what is keeping these meetings going until 12 AM or 1 AM and I don't think that is right. I don't think that is fair to anyone. I would certainly support it and if there is a motion, I will make a motion.

Alderman Hirschmann stated you gentlemen can take the vote as you will but I am just going to go on record saying one more thing. You don't all serve on these Committees that you are discussing so there may be a financial item coming to my Committee on Accounts that is pretty important and it is going to be referred right to my Committee and sure you are going to come down and sit at this panel, but you are not going to have a say or a vote at that Committee level.

Alderman Pariseau replied we don't know.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I am just filling you in that you are taking part of your own vote away.

Alderman Pariseau stated but we are able to express our opinions, Alderman Hirschmann, when it comes as a report from your Committee to the full Board.

Alderman Hirschmann replied if it is reported out, sure.

Alderman Pariseau responded it should be.

Alderman Pariseau moved that the current process be rescinded and that items be forwarded directly to Committees involved. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil asked for clarification from the Clerk as to whether the Aldermen will still get copies of all Committee agendas.

Clerk Bernier answered that is correct.

Chairman Gatsas called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Hirschmann being duly recorded in opposition.

Chairman Gatsas addressed Item 9 of the agenda:

Change of Rule 2A. (Special Meetings for Public Participation).

Alderman Pariseau moved to have the special meetings for public participation at the second meeting of each month for one hour beginning an hour before the BMA meeting as recommended. For those months when we only have one meeting, the public sessions will be conducted one hour prior to that meeting. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I go back to the days where the public only got that one day a year and they had to go to Memorial High School and sit in a sweaty gym and wait and wait and wait before they could address the Aldermen. It took this Board years and years to get to where we are now where they can come in every meeting for half an hour. It isn't taking much of our time to listen to them. Some issues are very timely where if they had to wait a month...right now it is the end of February. If they had to wait until the end of March to tell us something, that is not a good thing. I think that we have finally gotten to the point where we should be giving them a half an hour at every meeting. I think it is fine.

Alderman O'Neil stated again being a little historical I served on this Board when there was no public participation and I served on this Board when it was once a month and I have served on this Board where it is twice a month. I still get phone calls every day from constituents throughout the City with regards to issues and I just think that some of this discussion...some people just enjoy coming down and talking about the same thing every single month and the people who are very sincere about whatever the issue may be, I know they are picking up the phone and calling me ahead of time. I would support going to once a month.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I am not quite sure why this is on the agenda. I was under the impression that we voted this down at the last meeting. Why is it here?

Clerk Bernier replied it was referred to the Committee on Administration.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated this is really ridiculous. I mean how many times do we have to say that we want the people to have a voice in their government? It is not too much to ask them to ask us to sit here for 30 minutes twice a month. Why are you changing this to be one hour once a month? It is still the same amount of

time except now it is going to lose the timelines. At the last meeting we had a lot of people that were here discussing a lot of vital issues to this City. Now were some of them the same people who come time and time again? Yes they were. That is part of democracy. That is part of the price you pay for living in a country where people have free speech. You don't throw everybody out because a couple of people might abuse the system. I, for one, enjoy sitting here and listening to people even when they might say something that I disagree with. I learn a lot of things about it and if I have to wait four weeks for an untimely element, then we are simply not doing the job that we are paid the big bucks to do. I don't understand why we are beating this horse. We only voted this in six months ago. It is hardly as if it has had a great trial.

Alderman Lopez stated I support the half-hour before each meeting because it is a long time in-between. I know it is not on the agenda but I wish there was an opportunity if we decided to go for the hour, I wish we would have an opportunity to ask questions because people come here and make ridiculous statements and we are not allowed to ask questions. Some of them come with written communications that couldn't even explain what they have but I have to agree that an hour before the meeting once a month...I served on the Charter Commission and we allowed for the Aldermen to set the time but I think I have to agree with Alderman Vaillancourt on this particular situation. I think Alderman Vaillancourt is absolutely correct. This was voted down at the full Board.

Clerk Bernier replied it was referred to the Committee on Administration.

Alderman Pariseau stated I don't believe the issue of having the public speak prior to a meeting had anything to do with Charter revision. This was referred to the Administration Committee back six years ago when I served as Chairman. We reached a compromise with everyone concerned to allow the half-hour prior to the first meeting of each month and the Mayor was to hold to the half-hour. It has gotten to the point where people are allowed to extend their two minute conversations, which delays things with us dealing with other City business and it creates a problem. I don't have a problem going to the hour and having it start at 6:30 PM once a month. If a constituent has problems, they can address them to their Alderman who in turn could refer it to whatever Committee is involved in the process. That is the way that I have been operating for thirteen and a half years. I don't have 100% attendance of Ward 9 individuals here complaining that this should happen or that should happen.

Alderman O'Neil stated I agree with Alderman Pariseau. I think we can all agree that on and off periodically we get letters from either our own constituents or people from your own ward or people send a letter and send it to all 14 Aldermen, as well as the Mayor. I know we receive phone calls regularly and I am sure you

receive calls from your ward, as well as citywide phone calls. I don't think we are closing the door on the ability for the public to let us know what is going on. I think there are a number of avenues and again I think this has to do with the process being smoother and I support the change of Rule 2A.

Chairman Gatsas stated obviously we have only brought this into implementation, I believe, six or seven months ago and maybe not even that long ago. I would think that we would leave this implementation in place until at least the new Board comes in and decides at that point what they would like to do. I think it is very imperative that the City Clerk get something with a two-minute glass up there that only allows people two minutes. At that time it is not can I finish please, it should be the two minutes are up and that should be it. I think that is what we have all agreed to so I will hold the Clerk's feet to the fire saying that I think the Board needs to tell them...

Alderman O'Neil interjected would a motion be in order to table this.

Chairman Gatsas stated I don't think we need to table it, I think we need to process it out and get it to the full Board. I think the Mayor has to understand that just because somebody says can I finish, I think he needs to tell them that it is a two minute drill because I believe the last time we had 18 or 19 speakers and there were only two that stayed within the two minutes. I think that we have allowed it to go for longer than the half hour and we need to say if it is two minutes, as soon as you get to the two minutes everybody understand that it should end at that point and should not be can I finish. I don't know how everybody feels about that.

Alderman O'Neil asked is that an act of compromise.

Chairman Gatsas answered I would say that is an act of compromise. I know that the Board has certainly talked about allowing it to go to twice a month. We shouldn't be changing this in mid stream saying we decided now that you guys all talk too long and we don't want you to do it.

Alderman O'Neil stated without laying this on you, if we can be assured that speakers will be held to the two-minute time limit and I mean cut off...

Chairman Gatsas interjected I just said that we will bring it up again if the City Clerk's Office doesn't understand that directive.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I like the direction, Mr. Chairman. Can we ask the Clerk what he would do? Would he shut a microphone off? Is a trap door going to open up and swallow somebody? What is going to happen?

Clerk Bernier replied the presiding officer at this time is the Mayor. He needs to shut it off. We can tell him two minutes, but there is no way...

Chairman Gatsas asked how about if you get a two-minute egg timer and you can just flip it.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I think Carol does that now.

Chairman Gatsas replied she does but I think it needs to be put right up here so when the sand is done, the sand is done.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated the reason that it is very important to cut it off at two minutes, is that so the Mayor or whoever is presiding can't play favorites. If you like somebody, you let them go for four minutes. There are some people who are so respected you let them go. You have to do it to everybody. That is what being fair is all about. No exceptions.

Alderman Pariseau withdrew his motion.

Alderman O'Neil withdrew his second in the spirit of compromise.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to send the amended compromise to the full Board.

Clerk Bernier asked what is the amended compromise. It is already in place. What I would do is receive and file this item and follow the rules.

Chairman Gatsas asked can we send to the Mayor a letter stating that we moved to receive and file this item, however, we would like him to enforce the two minute standard with everybody who speaks.

Alderman Hirschmann moved to send a letter to the Mayor requesting that he enforce the two-minute standard for public participation meetings. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. Chairman Gatsas called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Gatsas addressed Item 10 on the agenda:

Communication from Deputy Clerk Matthew Normand submitting an Ordinance amendment at the request of the Committee on Administration relating to placing a curfew on entertainment license activities.

(Note: referred back to Committee by the BMA on January 23, 2001.)

Alderman Hirschmann stated I would like to read the Chief's letter to the Board.

Chairman Gatsas asked, Chief, would you like to read your letter to the Committee. Before you start, let me ask Matt if he made the changes that we talked about at the full Board or has that not been changed yet or are we going to debate that?

Mr. Normand answered nothing has been changed.

Chief Driscoll stated yesterday I drafted a letter and I apologize for the lateness of the document, expressing my feelings, the feelings of the Police Department relative to the previous document that had been submitted. I tried to carefully think this through. I think this has a major negative impact on our community. I think that I, as the Chief of Police, would be negligent if I didn't come before you and talk about the potential harm that this ordinance would have. I really believe that we have an opportunity here to finalize this to take some decisive action that will allow this community to protect its citizens, its neighborhoods, and its businesses, as well as my police officers in the wee hours of the morning. Why entertainment should in any case go beyond 2 AM is beyond me. It has been my experience that every time this Committee makes an exception, it proves to be a problem for the community. These type of events clearly attract people from all over New England that come to Manchester and care little about our community. They come to exploit the community. They come to sell their drugs and use their drugs. I don't think that this is a good thing. I think that the people who put on these types of all night entertainment in fact do it purely for financial profit and care little about what is left behind. There was an event, the Hemp Fashion Show, as you know. The Police Department experienced significant problems at that event. There was a drug arrest. I would just encourage the Committee to consider a new ordinance that has been written and submitted by the Police Department. I would point out, however, that I have spoken just before the meeting with Tom Arnold and he has a language concern that he would like to see added to it so maybe it is not in its final form at this moment and I apologize for that because I thought that we had done a good job putting it together but he makes a suggestion that probably should be seriously considered. Simply what we have done is wrapped dancing and entertainment into one ordinance still under the same number 111.70 and said that there will be no dancing or entertainment past 2 AM. We have identified the times. The times are pretty consistent with what is presently on the books now. It does put that 2 AM curfew on. It does, however, open up Sunday mornings to allow entertainment on Sunday morning should the civic center or some organization within the community have an entertainment activity that they wanted to present whether it be at the Palace Theatre or anyplace else. I think that is probably a good thing and I guess I would try to answer anybody's questions.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think when we tried to do some work on this, our intent was are there some exceptions out there that we need to consider. In the roughly six weeks or whatever that this has been kind of kicked around and sent to the full Board and brought back, I have yet to have anyone come up to me and say here is an example of something you would want to make an exception on. I do agree with the Chief that it seems that every time in the past that we have made exceptions they have come back to bite us. I spoke with an officer who was at that show on whatever the date was and it was a pain in the butt. They totally disregarded shutting down at 2 AM like they were supposed to. I will tell you that in a year I have kind of changed my opinion on a lot of this and having known what Alderman Cashin went through for a number of years with the clubs on Second Street, I can't see why we would want to have an exception. If somebody were to come forward at a later date and say here is an example and it was valid, I don't think the Chief might disagree with amending the ordinance but to date no one has suggested to me a type of event that we would want to exempt. I do want to say this, though. Matt seemed to have gotten beat up pretty good one night. Matt followed exactly what I remember the Committee telling him to do. I just want to state that publicly. That was what I remember the discussion being that night at the Committee and what happened between the Committee meeting and the full Board I really can't tell you but I support the Police Department's recommendation on this.

Alderman Hirschmann asked is that an amendment.

Alderman O'Neil answered I think the Chief may want to amend this.

Chief Driscoll stated I think that probably you should hear from Tom Arnold. He has a concern relative to the language, specifically the word entertainment.

Alderman O'Neil stated it may be appropriate and I know that some other Alderman want to speak but maybe we should table this item tonight.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I fully endorse the Police Chief's recommendation for his version of the ordinance. We are a family values based community and between 2 AM and 5 AM in the morning nothing good seems to happen. At this other festival that was just held there was an Ecstasy arrest, which is a drug that is some new psychedelic thing that youngsters are pulling out between 2 AM and 5 AM. Instead of tabling this, what I would like us to do is act on it today to move it and to close things up and get things where they should be and have the Solicitor and Police Chief work on the wording.

Chairman Gatsas asked, Mr. Arnold, what is the wording you are concerned with.

Deputy Solicitor Arnold answered what I am concerned with are basically two items. First of all, the use of the plain word entertainment is very broad and quite frankly somewhat vague as to what you mean by entertainment. Second of all, and my larger concern is as you are all aware it has been the law in the New Hampshire for many years that you must have statutory authority from the Legislature to regulate. I, on the short time frame for the last meeting, did take a look at the statutes and basically tried to put in the amendment that you had at that time the items that I found statutory authority to regulate. I did not find statutory authority to regulate entertainment without defining it further. Those are basically my two concerns.

Chairman Gatsas stated let's address entertainment. Can we put into place that they still need to come to this Committee for an entertainment license or not?

Alderman Thibault stated didn't Alderman O'Neil just bring that up that if ever there was a special item that came up...

Chairman Gatsas interjected he is saying that we can't regulate by state statute. So, before we let that just hang out there, Chief...

Alderman O'Neil interjected, Tom, are you saying what is on the books now is illegal.

Deputy Solicitor Arnold replied no; absolutely not. What is on the books now there is statutory authority to regulate. For instance, there is a statute dealing with public dancing. What I am saying is I don't find, at least in the quick time I took to look before the last meeting, a statute that allows you to regulate entertainment. It does allow you, as I said in the last ordinance, it says things like "exhibits a natural or artificial curiosity, theatrical performances or other shows." I could do my best to comb the statutes more thoroughly so to speak. I am not sure I would find more, but that is what I found statutory authority to regulate when I last looked.

Alderman Hirschmann stated in this last case, the Hemp festival was given a permit to assemble. They must have had 300 to 500 people in a room. Can you not put in a place of assembly permit that it must cease and desist at 2 AM?

Deputy Solicitor Arnold replied for public dancing you can.

Alderman Hirschmann stated I am talking about a permit for assembling. They are getting a permit to assemble in a building 500 people.

Chairman Gatsas replied there was no requirement to get a permit after 2 AM if they don't dance. In other words, tomorrow you and I can have whatever festival we want until 5 AM but we can't dance after 2 AM. That was the window that they walked in so we were looking to close it up so that anything that would require something after 2 AM they would have to come to us for that permit, no matter what it was.

Alderman Hirschmann stated the same rule that cuts it off at 5 AM, whatever rule that is...

Chairman Gatsas interjected there is no rule.

Alderman Hirschmann stated so they can go until 7 AM then.

Chairman Gatsas replied they can go to 9 AM. I picked 5 AM out of a hat.

Chief Driscoll stated I believe what you said is correct, but I believe we also could fix this if we were to add the words that were submitted to the Board at the last meeting, "no exhibit of natural or artificial curiosities, theatrical performances or other shows." I think if that were added to the ordinance that the Police Department has submitted that would fulfill the concern and allow us to accomplish what we are after accomplishing here.

Alderman Pariseau stated I agree with the Chief and support his version of the ordinance amendment.

Chairman Gatsas stated yours, Chief, does not include the word entertainment.

Chief Driscoll replied yes it does.

Chairman Gatsas responded it is not here. The one you just gave me is the new one.

Alderman O'Neil moved to table this item. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion. Chairman Gatsas called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think the good thing about this is that at least the Clerk and the Chief have some direction from this meeting.

Alderman Lopez stated I just want to make one comment. I was at the Center of NH at 2 AM with Alderman Levasseur and I can tell you that I spoke to 27 people, 6 of whom were from Manchester. Everybody else was from out of town. There

was a lot of chaos because they were parked six blocks away from the hotel and they had to walk and there were some incidents outside.

Chairman Gatsas addressed Item 11 of the agenda:

Communication from the Revenue Administrator relative to the HTE Receivable Module.

Alderman Hirschmann stated this was actually brought up in the Accounts Committee, but because it is not financial and more administrative I referred it to this Committee. You will find on your sheet that a lot of departments are not using this module, including Info. Systems themselves.

Chairman Gatsas replied I see that 22 out of the 34 departments are not using the modules. Is anybody here to talk to us about this? Randy could you come up please.

Mr. Sherman stated this is Jennifer Desrosiers who is the Revenue Administrator. We sent this letter to the Committee on Accounts. It is really for informational purposes only. We are working with all of these departments trying to get them up and running and as a matter of fact we have a training session tomorrow to deal with work order receivables and interdepartmental billings. There are some concerns by some of the departments that maybe the modules don't work for them. I know that the City Clerk is concerned. The Airport is concerned because of the uniqueness of their calculations. So, this is really just provided to the Board for informational purposes. It is just an update on where we are on HTE on some of the modules. Again, we will come back and certainly keep you updated and continue to work with the departments.

Chairman Gatsas asked, Randy, give me something within a two year range of when you think that HTE will be implemented. I am giving you two years now.

Mr. Sherman asked fully implemented.

Chairman Gatsas answered fully implemented.

Mr. Sherman stated I believe that we have all but one module up and running. It is a matter of getting...

Chairman Gatsas interjected I don't want to hear about modules because next week it will be another module. I am saying the full \$4 million impact that we spent, when do you think we may get the big bang for our buck?

Mr. Sherman replied I think you already are getting it.

Chairman Gatsas responded well I don't believe in paying for anything that we don't have completed.

Mr. Sherman stated it is a process of bringing some of the departments on slowly.

Chairman Gatsas asked what do you have for a timeframe.

Mr. Sherman answered I would like to have it tomorrow, to be honest with you, but it is a matter of getting the departments to buy on it. That takes some massaging and some coaxing and some pulling and giving.

Chairman Gatsas asked how about if we get a motion here that says that every department head is going to come in here one evening when we are not pressed for time and find out why they are not getting massaged the right way.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to invite all department heads to an Administration Committee meeting to discuss HTE.

Chairman Gatsas addressed Item 12 of the agenda:

Communication from Ray Moorer requesting permission to extend the operating hours of Kharma's Dance and Entertainment License on February 24th and March 10th past the 2:00 AM deadline.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to deny this request.

TABLED ITEM

13. Communication from Alderman Lopez requesting that the Board of Assessors provide information over the next 60 to 90 days on processes for updating assessment of City properties.
(Note: approved report to be provided by 11/18/00 and tabled on 11/21/00).

This item remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Bernier stated I just handed out a mechanical device license waiver. Apparently, our ordinance doesn't require us to make any changes in regards to charging for mechanical devices. What happened is this gentleman over here had a fire at his store and what he wants to do is move his license from one area to the next. To do that, we would have to charge him...it goes by quarters so we would have to charge him. He already paid for a mechanical device for the whole year and we would have to charge him for another quarter. We need to amend the ordinance to alleviate that. All he is doing is his current business was burned down and now he is relocating and for him to relocate we have to issue a new license and he would have to pay for the last quarter.

On motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to approve an ordinance amendment to correct this problem.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Hirschmann, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee